

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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May 20, 2003

FROM: GARY PENROD, Sheriff
Sheriff's Department

**SUBJECT: GRANT AWARD FROM THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL
POLICY – GRANT AWARD NO. I3PLAP540**

RECOMMENDATION: Accept High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) grant award from the federal Office of National Drug Control Policy in the amount of \$675,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Office of National Drug Control Policy has issued a HIDTA award, in the amount of \$1,275,000 for a Meth Regional Strike Force in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. This award is the continuation of a grant that was first funded in FY98/99. The program targets methamphetamine production at three levels: the "stove top" operations, major manufacturing cartels, and chemical companies involved in the manufacture of the basic ingredients used in methamphetamine production.

Of the \$1,275,000 awarded, \$675,000 is allocated to San Bernardino County to fund overtime, training and equipment costs for local Street Enforcement Teams within the County. Riverside County is the administrator of the grant. The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department will submit claims for reimbursement to Riverside County. This grant award is for the period of January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003. The Sheriff's Department has continued participation in the task force while waiting for confirmation of the new grant award amount. This year's grant award was accepted by Riverside County on April 15, 2003 and is being submitted to our Board of Supervisors for approval at the first available Board date after receipt of the documents from Riverside County.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This action has been reviewed and approved as to legal form by County Counsel (Kevin L. Norris, Deputy County Counsel) on May 8, 2003, and has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Mario Lara, Administrative Analyst) on May 9, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: This program provides funding, in the amount of \$675,000, to support the Street Enforcement Teams. The necessary appropriations and revenue were included in the Department's Proposed Budget for FY03/04. No matching funds are required. No impact to local funds.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All Districts

PRESENTER: Lee Hamblin, Lieutenant (387-3637)

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